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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 16 as indicated below.

Amendments to the specification below are indicated with insertions underlined (e.g., insertion), and deletions struckthrough or in double brackets (e.g., ~~deletion~~ or ~~[[deletion]]~~):

In accordance with the present invention, this alignment occurs more often ~~[[then]]~~than in a prior art system that stores the original transport packets 18. That is, in a prior art system, the alignment of the first bytes occurs after a predetermined number (e.g., 47) of sectors 25. A cluster of 47 sectors 25, thus, includes 128 original transport packets 18. The more frequent alignment and the smaller cluster size in accordance with the present invention provides for more efficient access to the stored video data because the synchronization performance is improved and repeated re-locking of a decoder (e.g., a MPEG-2 decoder) is avoided. The system 1 in accordance with the present invention can access data that is of interest sooner than in a prior art system, namely after 3 sectors instead of 47 sectors.